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To whom it may concern:

I am not quite sure this e-mail will be heard, but I would just like to share my opinion on this matter.

When did it become fashionable in this country to punish a company for being successful? When was Capitalism replaced with Socialism, where Big Government determines what's best for everyone? Microsoft, as a company, basically carried the world into the computer age. They used their expertise, innovative products, and relentless marketing to "sell" mankind to the fact that everyone needs a computer.

So they benefited from this, is it a crime? Was Henry Ford persecuted for changing modern industrialism? No, but you didn't hear GM and Chrysler whine like small children that Ford was unfair. They just went out and did the best job they could, and caught up (and surpassed Ford in GM's case). Why is it that the brakes must be put on technology moving forward so a few misguided companies can catch up?

In addition to this, as you destroy Microsoft's stock value, did anyone take into account how many "normal" people's 401K and retirement funds have stock in this? To save a few dollars in software costs, people's retirement savings are being decimated. Somehow, I cannot believe this is a better solution.

I would certainly hope that everyone would come to their senses and follow the Federal government's lead to just settle this case and move on to the business of getting our economy in gear.

Sincerely,

Steven Buffamonte